

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VESTRY
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER: The Vestry meeting convened on August 26, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Grace Center Conference Room. Stuart Higginbotham shared a video by David Steindl-Rast, a Benedictine monk. A Grateful Day with Brother David Steindl-Rast - Gratefulness.org

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Polly Jones, Senior Warden
Patrick O'Rourke, Junior Warden
Adam Hazell
Charles Kelley
Stan Lewis
JoAnn Manring
Jean Parks
Scarlet Pendarvis
Gail Sargent
Dan Scott
Doug Smith
Mike Whitmire
Callie Flack, Treasurer
Doug McDuff, CVD Update

STAFF PRESENT:

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park

ACTION ITEMS:

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES and FINANCIALS:

Kelley/Hazell. Unanimous approval.

CVD UPDATE:

Doug McDuff reviewed the following information:

- The city storm water project is on hold because of a gas line issue.
- The COG parking lot island: contractor is waiting for 2 or 3 rain events before asphalt work.
- Sanctuary Plaza Timeline:
 1. City issued permit on August 26
 2. Contract will be provided by week of September 1 and reviewed by Jason Voyles and Mike Whitmire prior to contract signing
 3. Pre-construction meeting and start of construction will occur week of September 8
 4. Doug Smith provided an update on the power pole relocation
- Sanctuary Plaza Project/Bicentennial Campaign Budget:
 1. A \$12,226 grant was provided by HUD
 2. There was an additional restricted pledge for \$20,000
 3. The increased project will cost \$119,000. This covers 15-inch base layers required by city, pavement lighting for the sign and upgraded irrigation.

4. The final contract cost will be determined after final review of CD's by the contractor.
 5. Changes to the project cost in budget will be taken from/added to contingencies.
 6. Whitmire/Manning. Unanimous approval.
- There will be a joint Bicentennial Steering Committee and Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, August 29, at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall, including a CVD Bicentennial Project Presentation.

THE DIOCESEAN COUNCIL in Macon on November 22-23:

The delegates from Grace will be: Callie Flack (Finance), Mike & Becky Whitmire (Finance), Dan Scott (Steering, Bicentennial & Parish Formation), Jason Voyles (Constitution & Canons), as well as our clergy. There was a motion to accept the delegates with unanimous approval. Pendarvis/Sargent.

There will be a pre-Council meeting at Grace on October 27 at 3:00PM.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2020 Parish Annual Stewardship/Every Member Canvas will kick off on Parish Feast Day, 9/15 and conclude on All Saints' Sunday, 11/3. The theme will be "Be Thou My Vision: Stewardship 2020." Vestry members will be asked to help with follow-up calls. The first-round volunteers are: Polly Jones, JoAnn Manning and Mike Whitmire.

Edgar Otero's focus for the year will be to shadow Cheryl Kelley and examine the life of the parish, focusing on the ongoing Clusters. He spends 8 hours a week at Grace.

The Hospitality Committee (Invite, Welcome, Connect) expects 25 to 30 newcomers to attend a "welcome lunch" on September 15, which is The Feast of the Holy Cross.

New policy: children in 5th grade and under will have to be accompanied by a parent or youth group leader to wherever they are going on Sunday mornings. There can be no unattended children roaming around the building.

A bell has been added to the intercom system at 9:25AM and 10:25AM on Sunday mornings.

There are now nineteen 4-5 year olds in the choir; the older choir has fourteen children.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM after a second viewing of the Gratefulness video. The next Vestry meeting will be Monday, September 30, at 7:00PM.

Minutes recorded by Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry